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RAILROAD SERVICE RESUMED IN NORTH AND CENTRAL CHINA

Passenger service on the railroads of North and Central China is being rapidly resumed. So far no terminal for through traffic has been instituted, but most of the lines are busy with sectional traffic. The longest single stretch is from T'ien-ching (Tientsin) to Hsu-chou, on which two passenger trains a day are being operated in each direction. Trains are being operated from Hsu-chou to Peng-yu, which seems to be as far south as passenger service is available on the T'ien-ching-P'yu-K'ou line at present.

Sectional operations are being carried on over practically the whole of the centrally located east-west Lung-Hai line. The Cheng-T'ai (Shih-chia-chuang--T'ai-yan) line is in operation, as is the Cheng-Te (Shih-chia-chuang--Te-hsien) line. The Ping-Sui (Pei-p'ing--Pao-t'ou) line is being operated as far west as Ta-tung in Shanxi. On some sections mixed trains are being operated in addition to passenger trains, while on one or two sections only mixed trains are operating.

Railroad workers have been working hard since Ta-t'ung was taken over to make the rolling stock there serviceable. Also, 109 new telephones were installed in the city within 9 days.

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